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## Helipad could cost less than first thought

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

The new helicopter landing pad for the hospital may be cheaper than officials had first thought if things work out right. Officials from the Rosebud Health Foundation (RHF) spoke to town council on Tuesday, Dec. 10, regarding some new information they had received as

well as followed up with funding plans previously presented to council for

consideration. After being told that Didsbury's heli-

**"It's unfortunate there's more downloading going on, but we don't see any other way but to take the bull by the horns and do it."**

CLEM KUELKER

Past President, Rosebud Health Foundation

pad is likely 10 to 15 years down the road on Alberta Health Services' (AHS) priority list, Coun. Joyce McCoy asked the delegation if the total of \$500,000 was raised and given to AHS to build the helipad now, would AHS eventually refund that money.

Past-president Clem Kuelker, who came to the meeting with president Albert Ohlhauser,

said that AHS has basically answered no to the possibility of a refund.

Coun. LaVar Adams asked whether it will set a precedent for the provincial government to continue downloading responsibilities onto municipalities if the Town of Didsbury helps to fund the helipad.

Kuelker answered that during a recent meeting of 49 health foundations

in the province, he found that "the fact of the matter is...we are told by (AHS) that it will be 10 to 15 years before we show up on the radar to get ours upgraded or newly built."

"It's unfortunate there's more downloading going on, but we don't see any other way but to take the bull by the horns and do it."

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**FLYING LEAP** - Kieshi Matsunaga flips off the top rope during his match against Colton Kelly during Real Canadian Wrestling's performance at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 29. See more on page 4.

Noel West/MVP Staff

## Midday checkstop serves as a reminder

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Didsbury RCMP officers braved the cold in the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 13, setting up a checkstop on Highway 582, just west of the intersection with Highway 2A.

Cpl. Warren Wright said he was pleased that there were no impaired

drivers charged this time. "The vehicles that were checked, there were no impaired drivers found," said Wright.

Even though there have been warnings that there will be more checkstops this month than usual, he noted they are important year round.

"I know there's a perception there's an empha-

sis around Christmas and New Year's Eve, but checkstops are important all year."

He added that drivers have to be aware of the lower tolerance for

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drinking and driving, and that for some people, even a couple of drinks will push them over the allowable limit.

"We just want people to remember to make

good decisions," he said.

The move was part of an Alberta-wide blitz that started on Saturday, Dec. 7, when 157 checkstops were conducted across the province by RCMP.

The large-scale operation involved hundreds of "K" Division officers, and was also part of a Canada-wide RCMP

enforcement campaign aimed at taking impaired drivers off the road.

Superintendent Howard Eaton, officer-in-charge of "K" Division Traffic Services, said "the sheer number of checkstops on Saturday (served) as a very visible reminder to Albertans to make the right choice before getting behind the wheel."

CPL. WARREN WRIGHT  
Didsbury RCMP

# Lions Club to order new shuttle bus

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Lions Club has raised almost enough money to purchase a new bus, and members are hoping to have a new one up and running for the spring of 2014.

Club past-president Raymond Lea said the community has been helping members fundraise for a new bus for a while now. About \$66,000 has been collected so far towards a goal of \$80,000.

The new model the club is looking at will sport 10 seats for ambulatory riders – those who can walk – plus two seats for wheelchair users, with the option of folding up two regular seats to allow space for a total of six wheelchair users and six ambulatory users, he said.

"The new bus will definitely accommodate a few more people. It will be a little larger," said

Lea.

Although it has gained something of a reputation as a handibus, he noted that the bus is actually for everybody to use.

"The shuttle bus is for everybody – young families, mothers, anybody. It's a replacement to a taxi almost," he said, adding that it costs \$3 for a one-way ride, totaling \$6 for a round trip.

The current bus, which has been in operation for about 14 years, transports anywhere from six to 18 riders per day, and also makes trips to Olds and Carstairs, he noted.

The bus usually runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and goes out of town on Tuesdays and Thursdays, runs in town Wednesdays and Fridays, and will also run on Mondays with an appointment.

"Sometimes we do weekends as well. The bus can be booked for a day run or something," he added.

"Our bus won't be

making any Calgary runs though."

The bus currently runs with the help of three or four staff drivers, and Lea added that the club is currently in negotiations with the Bethany Care Society to provide transportation for those who will be residents at the new centre.

The club is still seeking donations, and he noted that every little bit helps.

"And we definitely would like to thank the people that have supported us in the past, and we hope that the community continues to support us in the future."

For those interested in donating, they can send cheques to Box 1388, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0, or can personally drop off donations by calling Lea at 403-335-3798, or by calling President Bruce Smith at 403-335-9173. For those interested in using this service, the bus cellphone is 403-507-0208.



Martin Francis, one of the Lions Shuttle Bus drivers, opens the doors at Victoria Square Mall.

## Alberta flood relief art exhibit coming to the library

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Municipal Library will be a temporary home to a travelling art exhibit featuring the well-known icon of Alberta – the wild rose.

The Alberta Flood Rose Project was created by artist Terri Heinrichs in response to the massive flooding that took place earlier this year, according to a press release issued by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition (TREA) Program.

Inez Kosinski, manager of the library, said the

exhibit will only be on display at the library from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3.

She added the library tried to get the exhibit for the Mountain View Arts Festival, but this was the only time that it was available.

There are eight pieces of art, each consisting of 81 smaller pieces, and she noted local artist Dee Poisson contributed to it as well.


"We wanted to have it here not only to showcase our own, but also to remember the cause of the 2013 flood victims – and it is a beautiful display of talent and skill," said Kosinski.

During July 2013, visual artists from the Calgary area were invited to create and donate an original, unframed, four-inch by four-inch piece of wall art, depicting the provincial flower.

The finished pieces were arranged into eight groups of 81, and were framed together as larger 'collection' pieces.

After being on display in public locations during August, the framed art pieces were up for auction at The Flood of Roses Auction in Calgary in late August, with over \$25,000 going to the Canadian Red Cross for flood relief.


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# Flashing green lights used by firefighters

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Some residents who are new in town may not know what a vehicle with flashing green lights means.

Captain Bob Wright of the Didsbury Fire Department (DFD) wanted to share why the DFD employs them, and what they mean.

"The green lights are legislated differently in different parts of Canada" said Wright.

"But in Alberta, volunteer firefighters are allowed to have green lights to get them to the fire station."

He noted it's just a courtesy light, and that those using them still have to abide by all the laws regulating motor vehicle operation, such as stop signs.

However, the lights

can let other drivers know that there is a firefighter trying to get to an emergency situation.

"They can't speed or go through red lights or stop signs, it's just a courtesy light."

He noted it is not allowed in all municipalities, and that each municipality has to approve it individually.

"It gives the firefighters, when they come to an intersection like a four-way stop, they're asking the public to let them go first, but they're not to break any laws when they have them on."

He added many who move to town from a big city or from another province have no idea what the light means, which can lead to misunderstandings.

"They're thinking it's some (fake) policeman,

and then they're cussing and swearing, saying 'hey this guy with a green light cut me off at the four-way'...they don't understand what the green light is about, but that's what it is."

The DFD has had the lights for about 15 years, and some drivers simply aren't aware a vehicle even has the lights turned on. "But that's the same people wouldn't stop for a police car, because they're not paying attention - they only have tunnel vision, going straight ahead anyways. They don't see anything in the rear," he said.

He said those who do know what the lights are for will often pull over and let them pass, and he added that they don't have to, but it does allow firefighters to get to their destination that much faster.



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Firefighter Matt Code shows off the green light assembly in his truck last Wednesday, Dec. 11, during training night at the Didsbury Fire Department.

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## Police encourage drivers to be prepared

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Following a recent head-on collision in which nobody was seriously hurt, Cpl. Clint Gulash reminds the public to be safe on the roads, especially with the cold weather.

He said everybody should have an emergency kit in their car, because it is impossible to tell when something might happen - from a collision to a simple breakdown.

Also, if there is a blizzard going on outside, he said, "nothing is worth getting yourself hurt or injured or causing injury to anybody else."

"If you don't need to travel, don't. And if you are travelling in the winter, in Alberta, with the storms we have, it's always best to fuel up before you leave, and have winter clothing."

One thing he saw during the most recent storm, is that many people who were stuck in the traffic and waiting for the accident to be cleared were running near empty, with no winter clothing.

"And we could not get to people because of the drifts. We literally could not get to them to help them."

"The sanders weren't running, town trucks were off the roads and EMS and ourselves couldn't access people to assist them."

He recommends that every car be equipped with all kinds of winter clothing, as well as food and water, in preparation for the worst.

"Otherwise, there's just no options. They're gonna have to bundle up and try to find help, because nobody had the ability to help them at that point."

He said he was shocked how many people were travelling without any kind of supplies that day, and said some people were even wearing tennis shoes and T-shirts.

"Thank goodness nothing really bad occurred. But the potential was there - people could freeze to death or get severe frostbite in that kind of weather."

Also, he added cellphones can be literal lifesavers in an emergency situation, and that they should never be left behind.

### HELIPAD

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During an interview after the meeting, Ohlhauser said although a refund for the funds does not seem likely, he thinks contractors in the area would be able to build a new helipad for quite a bit cheaper than what AHS would charge to do it.

"And AHS said that they were not against anything like that," said Ohlhauser.

"Mind you, if we gave them \$500,000 tomorrow, they'd do it, and it'd be done in less than three months - but we don't want to do it that way."

He said between local

contractors and cooperation from the Town of Didsbury, they would likely be able to install a helipad, under the supervision of AHS, for cheaper than AHS contractors charge to do it.

"We'll have a project manager from AHS there because we have to meet Transport Canada specifications. So that's fine, but if we have people in town with their different businesses come and help as far as equipment and stuff, (then why not?)"

Town councillors gave the go-ahead for the RHF to use some of the left-over clay from the Shantz Crossing excavation to bring up the level for the

helipad, which would further drive down the cost of the project, he added. "And how much is concrete really going to cost us when we've got a concrete company right here in town?"

Last month, Ohlhauser and Kuelker cut AHS a cheque for \$50,000 to go towards the preliminary design work. Once that work is completed, they will be looking at ways to complete the remaining work with help from locals, he said.

Councillors voted at the meeting to hold off on making a decision on helping to fund the helipad until RHF officials meet with Mountain View County council.

**WESTERN STARS**

We have 16 members in Western Stars Multi 4-H this year. Our projects are outdoor Ed, horse, small engines and market lamb. The horse project is full with 9 members and has Coach Lisa Wieben coaching again. We will be hosting a vet clinic for members to gain their knowledge and during the cold months we will be doing dismounted classroom lessons. The outdoor Ed project is full with 6 members. We have been shooting our pellets guns at metal squirrels and are working on our solar projects. The sheep project has 2 members. We have an ultrasound clinic coming up with Dr. Ilena Wegner. We're looking forward to being taught how to ultrasound and to see the lambs on the screen. No Report was submitted for small engines.

Submitted by: Garret Crawford

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**WEST DIDSBURY**

We have 9 members in West Didsbury 4-H club this year. Our projects are market steer, carcass, heifer, 2yr old and 3yr old cow calf. Our weigh in and electronics round up were cold and snowy days. Hopefully our other activities will be sunny and warm.

We will be collecting bottles after New Year's for our fundraiser. If you have some you would like to donate please contact Cindy at (403)-335-8696

Submitted by: Garret Crawford

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**BY KEVIN VINK**  
*MVP Staff*

Real Canadian Wrestling (RCW) held its first-ever show in Didsbury late last month, bringing brawny wrestlers to the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 29.

Steven Ewaschuk, owner and promoter of RCW, said the attendance wasn't as high as he had been hoping, but those who did turn out were loud and enjoyed the event.

The results of the fights are as fol-

## RCW puts on debut show in town

lows: CAM!!ikaze defeated Scotley Crue; Keishi defeated Colton Kelley; Dr. Zivagho defeated Black Cobra to retain his RCW Legends title; Slammer defeated Brandon Van Danielson to retain his RCW Mid-Weight title; JS McStrongarm defeated Aaron Frost; Dr. Zivagho defeated Steven Styles by disqualification, after planting brass knuckles on Styles; and the team of Dan Myers and Bucky Briggs defeated the Western Warriors.

Didsbury's own Evan Adams defeated Michael Richard Blaise in a match-

up, he added, noting that he is planning another event in town for the spring, and that there will also be an event in Olds early in the new year.



Colton Kelly performs a flying kick during his match against Keshi Matsunaga during Real Canadian Wrestling's performance at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 29.



Brandon Van Danielson, left, throws Slammer to the ground during their match at Real Canadian Wrestling's performance at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 29.



Doctor Zhivago grabs the face of Steven Styles during their match at Real Canadian Wrestling's performance at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 29.

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**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** - Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce officials announced the winners of the Christmas lights contest last week. Left, the Coutts residence won the award for the small yard category, and the Hanson residence, right, won the contest for the large yard category. Both winners received gift certificates for a restaurant in town of their choosing.

## Hit and run on 20 Avenue

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

A 2002 Honda Odyssey was struck by a silver van shortly after 10 a.m. on Dec. 8, around the 1700 block of 20 Avenue, said Jacobson.

"The van fled the scene and was seen headed north on 16th Street, then turned towards the downtown," said Jacobson.

The offending vehicle is believed to be a 1990s or early 2000s Pontiac Transport- or Chevy Venture-style van, he noted.

He did not specify the damage caused to the car, but the offending vehicle should have damage on the driver's side front bumper, including on the headlight.

### Charges laid in fatal collision

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Police have laid charges in an incident that took place in August, in which a 63-year-old man from the rural Cremona area was killed, say police.

The deceased, driving a 2005 GMC Jimmy, was struck at the intersection of Highway 580 and Rge. Rd. 23, according to Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The offender proceeded through a stop sign unsafely, causing the Jimmy to roll into the ditch, killing the sole occupant, he noted.

Jason Earnest Bexson, a 31-year-old resident of Mountain View County, has been charged with failure to obey a stop sign and operating a vehicle with tinted windows, he said.

Alcohol, weather and road conditions were ruled out as contributing factors in the crash, and the deceased was wearing a seatbelt, according to a police report.

Bexson is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 3, 2014, and Jacobson said the name of the deceased will not be released out of respect for the family.

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Poachers steal from community at large

The severe punishment recently meted out to an Alberta poacher will hopefully serve as a strong deterrent to anyone who mistakenly believes that poaching is a victimless crime.

An Edmonton man who shot and killed a sow grizzly bear and her cub was handed a five-month jail term and fined \$10,000 in one of the toughest penalties ever given to a poacher in Alberta.



DAN SINGLETON

The 52-year-old accused was convicted of five charges under the Wildlife Act, including hunting wildlife out of season and unlawful possession of wildlife. He was also prohibited from hunting for nine years.

As it has been for several years, it is illegal to hunt grizzly bears anywhere in the province, a prohibition that has been put in place by the

Alberta government in an effort to give the bruins a chance to increase their numbers.

"Alberta Justice and Solicitor General takes poaching seriously," said Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Jonathan Denis following the conviction and sentencing. "This case highlights how Albertans can help protect our fish and wildlife resources by reporting suspicious hunting or fishing activity."

As with many cases of poaching, it was a tip to wildlife officers that led to this recent case being broken — proving without doubt the value of the anonymous Report-A-Poacher system. The West Country wilderness area along the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains is one of the finest wildlife habitat areas in Canada, being home to grizzly bears, black bears, deer, moose, elk and many other species.

It is an area that attracts lawful hunters, tourists and visitors from around the world who come to see the wildlife in its natural environment; in turn, providing important economic benefits to many communities in West Central Alberta. As such, poachers who illegally kill wildlife without following the hunting licence rules and regulations harm not only the animals but they also damage an important part of the area's economy.

Residents and visitors who spot suspected poachers are encouraged to do their part in bringing those persons to justice. Here are some of the things fish and wildlife officers ask people to take note of when they see violators:

- the date, time and location of the offence.
- licence plate number of vehicle.
- vehicle description, including identifying features, dents, stickers etc.
- description of the person or persons involved.
- description of evidence at the scene or evidence of the crime that the violators took with them.

Making poachers pay the price is in the best interest of the community at large — and residents and visitors are encouraged to do just that.

### WILL NEW CHRISTMAS TRENDS RENDER SANTA OBSOLETE?



## Commentary

### Sledgehammering labour with draconian laws

GIL MCGOWAN

Six months ago, Premier Alison Redford hailed Alberta's public-sector workers as heroes for the work they did during and after the floods that devastated the southern half of our province.

Redford was right to celebrate both the work and the work ethic of these amazing Albertans. Unfortunately, the premier's warm words have been replaced by a very cold shoulder.

Over the past few weeks, the government has undermined the pensions of these workers, and brought in unconstitutional anti-worker legislation with Bills 45 and 46.

Bill 46 breaks the historic bargain that former premier Peter Lougheed struck with public sector workers.

Unlike other provinces that prohibit certain categories of workers from striking because their work is essential to the public, Lougheed took the unprecedented step of stripping the right to strike from all provincial public sector workers, including janitors, clerks and other workers who clearly don't provide essential services.

Lougheed understood his law was heavy-handed, so, as a com-

promise, he promised that contract disputes would be referred to an impartial, third-party arbitrator if negotiations toward an agreement broke down.

With Bill 46, Redford has shattered the spirit of the deal made by her predecessor. The new law doesn't formally abolish the arbitration system; it simply says the government will use legislation to impose agreements when it doesn't feel like working with an arbitrator. In taking these actions, the Redford government is almost certainly breaking Canadian law.

Both the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the United Nation's charter on labour rights signed by the Canadian government say that Canadian workers have the right to collective bargaining.

Bill 46 makes a mockery of those commitments. In essence, what the Redford government is saying is that public sector workers should pay for the costs of recovering from the floods with a wage freeze and reduced benefits — at the same time that the Alberta economy is growing at a healthy pace and wages in the private sector are increasing by an average of three to four per cent a year.

That's not "shared sacrifice."

That's unfair, plain and simple.

Bill 45 adds insult to injury. Under Bill 45, unions will face fines of \$1 million a day for engaging in an illegal strike — and remember, all strikes in the provincial public sector are illegal, even if they involve workers who don't provide an essential service.

The fines are bigger, but they're not new. What is new is that, under Bill 45, Albertans can now be fined thousands of dollars for talking about strikes. These fines for uttering so-called "strike threats" will be applied not only to union leaders, but also to individual workers — and members of the broader public.

There have only been four or five illegal strikes in Alberta over the past two decades, so it's hard to see a need for this kind of legislation.

These are our relatives, friends and neighbours who work hard every day to provide services that strengthen our communities and keep our economy moving forward.

In a province as wealthy as ours, certainly we can find a way to treat the heroes of the flood with the respect they deserve.

Gil McGowan is the president of the Alberta Federation of Labour

## Letter to the Editor

### Thankful for the town and the helpful people in it

I wanted to thank all of the services in Didsbury, especially in one brief week since the blizzard. I think that they've done an outstanding job, considering the circumstances. I had been trying to clear my driveway and a fellow that was outside working in the bitter cold, came down the road and took a few minutes and plowed the snow. I had proposed to get out by the end of the week, but because of him, I got

out two days ahead.

As well, yesterday my blue bin was collected at 6 p.m. and just now, my garbage was collected.

These individuals are working long hours to accommodate us, when they could be home with their families on a Friday night.

Decades ago, this street in particular never got plowed, and if you didn't have your own enclosure

for garbage, the animals would get into it. I've also had the privilege of being the recipient of many health, seniors and helpful services.

I'm thankful that I don't live elsewhere where people are not that friendly, helpful or generous with their time and spirit.

Happy Holidays!

Karen Kinswater  
Didsbury

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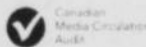
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# Colts overtake Cochrane last Saturday

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

It was an even matchup for the first half of the game, but the Mountainview Colts were able to get one-up on the Cochrane Generals, winning the game 3-1 Saturday, Dec. 14.

Coach Brent Youngs was happy with the results of the game, which combined with the Colts' win on Friday, brings the team up a total of four league points and two wins for the weekend.

"Tonight we had a pretty good battle with Cochrane, it worked out really good," said Youngs.

He said they're a good team, and the Colts have played them twice this season.

"Both games were very close, but this was a good

win to get tonight."

"It was a big weekend for us...we'll see how the other teams that we're chasing did over the weekend, but we're right up there. We could be right up top with them."

The Colts put in a full effort on Saturday, which he was happy to see.

He noted that both goalies were able to stop a lot of shots as well over the weekend.

"It was a close game. It was a great game. It was a hard-fought battle both ways. Our guys hung with it right to the end and it really worked out well for us."

Generals coach Evan McFeeters said his team has been coping with a short bench for the last month or two, and after a fight early on in the game, they had even less players to put on the ice.

"So it's always a tough one to win here in Didsbury," said McFeeters.

"They're a hard-hitting,

heavy team, but we did what we could with the 12 skaters we had."

He noted that injuries have hit his players hard this year, and that they haven't had a full lineup since October.

"And we're still chugging along in the playoff spot, but it's hard to do when you only have 13 or 14 guys."

He added by the new year the team should have a few healthy players back on the ice.

## Colts salute minor hockey

The Colts invited local minor hockey teams to Saturday's game, and officials took donations of cash and food instead of charging admission, with proceeds going to the Mountain View Food Bank.

Tracy Smith, speaking on behalf of the team, said that the youngsters who wore their jerseys got in for free, and that it was a great way to both get the kids involved and help out the food bank in a season when the help is usually needed.

The team brought in about 175 pounds of food, as well as cash donations, the counts of which were not available at the time of press.



Evan Thompson (20) tries to keep the puck away from two Generals players.



Shane Bosomworth (23) breaks away down the ice and to the Generals' net. He scored a goal seconds later.

# TOWN OF DIDSBURY



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After Hours Pager 403.507.3624  
Didsbury Neighborhood Place 403.335.8719  
Aquatic Centre and Arena 403.335.7369

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, January 8 at 4:30 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.



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## ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

	December	January
Black Bin	17,18,19,31	1,2,14,15,16,28,29,30
Green Bin	Collection of green bins will start-up again in the spring of 2014	

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- Recycling Blue Bins will be picked up every week on your collection day.

## TOWN OF DIDSBURY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Town Office, Didsbury Neighborhood Place, and Public Works will be closed December 24, 25, 26; open until noon on December 31, and closed all day on January 1. The Memorial Complex will be closed on December 25 & 26 and January 1. The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be closed from December 23 - December 27 for scheduled maintenance. Merry Christmas from Mayor Mousseau, Council and Staff!

## Employment Opportunities

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for:

- Mountain View Parent LINK Facilitator - Part-time
- Lifeguard - Part-time
- Child Care Worker - Part-time

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## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

As part of the Maple Leaf Exchange Program, students from Miki-Town will be visiting Didsbury again in March 2014. We are looking for families willing to open up their home to a Japanese student between the ages of 13 - 15, and let them experience life in Didsbury. Tentative dates for their stay in Didsbury is March 20 - 24, 2014.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact CynDee Walden, Maple Leaf Exchange Coordinator at 403.335.7724 or by email at [cwalden@didsbury.ca](mailto:cwalden@didsbury.ca).

## NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 13-80

2016-2018 - 17 Avenue

Change of Use - Gym w/conditions

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on **December 31, 2013**.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

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# Mexican clinic welcoming Olds cancer patients

BY PAUL EVEREST  
MVP Staff

When Tanya Sayer of Olds arrived in Mexico for cancer treatments on Nov. 13, there were a number of familiar faces there to greet her.

Sayer, 36, was diagnosed with Stage 3 esophageal cancer in October and, on a recommendation from fellow Olds resident Andrea Barker, decided to attend Dr. Isai Castillo's clinic in Tijuana.

Barker, who started attending the clinic in the summer to battle follicular lymphoma, was again at the clinic for a second round of treatments from November 11 to 23 and Sayer spent her first six days at the clinic with Barker.

"She kind of showed me the ropes. She

showed me the procedures, introduced me to people. I mean it made it very comfortable," Sayer said in a telephone interview from San Diego on Dec. 3, adding she had learned of Barker's experiences at the clinic through the Moms' Time Out program at the Word of Life Church.

When the two women met, Barker, who was first diagnosed with cancer nearly three years ago, told Sayer about the terrible cancer treatment experiences she had endured in Canada and said the treatment program at Castillo's clinic was not as hard on her body.

That endorsement, along with the fact that Barker was only given months to live in January following several rounds of chemotherapy and a

self-donated stem cell transplant in Canada, was enough to convince Sayer to head south for treatments at the clinic.

"She's a walking testimony of it because obviously she's lived past what they said she would live," Sayer said.

Sayer also has her family, including husband Graham and her two daughters and two sons, with her while attending the clinic.

And as if that weren't enough hometown support, she said there are three other people from the Olds-Didsbury area at the clinic.

Most of the rest of the patients at the clinic, Sayer added, are from Alberta or other parts of Canada.

"I think word of mouth is spreading it."

At the time of her

interview with the *Olds Albertan*, Sayer said the only side effect she was experiencing from the treatments was nausea.

"Other than that I'm feeling really good."

A typical day for Sayer at the clinic involves an hour in a hyperbaric chamber to receive oxygen, followed by vitamin and chelation therapy where heavy metals are removed from the body and then, on certain days, chemotherapy, which usually takes about two hours.

When she returns to Canada on Dec. 13, Sayer will undergo a gastroscopy, which is an examination of the stomach, to see if the cancer has responded to the treatments.

If the tumour has shrunk, there's a chance Sayer may not need



Contributed photo

Tanya Sayer of Olds sits at the door of a hyperbaric chamber at the Mexican clinic where she is currently receiving cancer treatments.

major surgery to deal with the tumour.

Whether surgery is necessary or not, she plans to return to the clinic in three months for 10 more days of treatment, which is the same

program Barker is following.

Sayer hopes the treatments will shrink the tumour so that, if surgery is required, it "isn't so drastic."

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"That would be awesome," she said. "The smaller the tumour, the easier it is for the surgeon."

Regardless of what's next in terms of fighting the cancer, Sayer said she plans to return to her normal life when she comes back to Olds.

"I would like to resume enjoying my life with my kids, watching my son play hockey, watching my daughter at dance," she said. "You'll see me at the pool swimming with the kids."

And, she added, she'll have to rest for the next three months.

"I may have to slow down more than I'm used to. I can't go, go, go. I may have to make a concerted effort to slow down but I'll still just enjoy what I can with the kids."

Upon her return to Canada, Barker said she was in good spirits following her second round of treatment.

"It went really well," she said. "It was a lot less stressful (this time). I feel really good."

Barker had half of a lymph node removed in August, the last time she went to the Mexican clinic.

From the portion that was removed, medical personnel used half of that for a future treatment and the other half to

help lessen the effects of chemotherapy, should she need chemotherapy in the future.

Castillo told Barker her cancer has diminished as a result of the latest round of treatment, Barker said, which included dimethyl sulfoxide treatments designed to ease inflammation along with a regimen of vitamins and chelation therapy.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but we are heading in the right direction, so I just need to keep on being vigilant on the medicines and vitamins (Castillo) sent home and the diet," she said. "The key ingredient in my opinion, to this whole thing is definitely

diet along with the (regimen) of vitamins and supplements."

Barker's diet involves avoiding acidic foods such as tomatoes, carbonated beverages, white flour and alcohol and she said she is convinced the treatments are helping.

"I think it's a good path to be following and I feel good about the outcome so far and Dr. Castillo says it's not about curing the cancer, it's about managing it and making it so that it's not overtaking your body. And right now that seems to be what's going on."

An email request to Castillo for an interview was not returned before press time.

### Notice



## Hearing for Red Deer area transmission development – Ponoka to Didsbury

Fifth Avenue Place  
Fourth Floor, 425 First Street S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3L8  
Canada

AltaLink Management Ltd. filed the Red Deer Area Transmission Development application to upgrade the transmission system between Ponoka and Didsbury.

The AUC will be holding a hearing with respect to determining whether to grant approvals to construct and operate the transmission facilities identified below. The hearing for **Proceeding ID No. 2669** will commence at 9 a.m. on **March 11, 2014, at the Holiday Inn & Suites Red Deer South located at 37471 Hwy 2 South in Red Deer, Alberta.** Anyone who has concerns about, objects to, or supports the application and who has not already done so must make a written submission to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) before **January 27, 2014**, clearly identifying **Proceeding ID No. 2669** on the submission containing details as indicated below and filing evidence as directed below. If the submissions received and all concerns and objections are withdrawn by interveners prior to the start of the hearing, the AUC may cancel the hearing.

### Information about the application:

AltaLink Management Ltd. filed Application No. 1609677 requesting approval to:

- Rebuild transmission line 80L in Red Deer.
- Rebuild transmission line 755L in and around Red Deer.
- Rebuild transmission line 637L and 648L in and around the Red Deer and Sylvan Lake area.
- Construct a new Johnson 2815 substation in the Didsbury area.
- Construct a new Hazelwood 2875 substation and new transmission line 419L/420L in the Innisfail area.
- Construct a new Wolf Creek 2885 substation and new transmission line 421L/422L in the Ponoka area.
- New 138-kV transmission line in the Lacombe area.
- Redesignate portions of transmission lines 80L, 755L, 929L and 910L, as alternate line numbers as further described in the application.

For full application details please go to the e-filing services section of our website to access the proceeding or use this link: [https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/EP5\\_Query/ProceedingDetail.aspx?ProceedingID=2669](https://www.auc.ab.ca/eub/dds/EP5_Query/ProceedingDetail.aspx?ProceedingID=2669)

There are seven maps related to the electric transmission facilities being applied for. Please visit our website at [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca) for more information or call us for a full version of the notice.

### Important dates:

Please see the full notice of hearing at [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca) for a complete list of important dates.

### Participating in the hearing:

If you intend to present written evidence at the hearing, you must submit that written evidence by January 27, 2014.

Written evidence can be reports prepared by experts or written information (including maps, charts, photographs and narrative statements) prepared by an intervener personally, and clearly identified as such. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervener's position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert and the name of the intervener who directed that the report was to be prepared. Please be aware that the author of any report or other written evidence than an intervener expects the Commission to rely upon must be available to be cross-examined at the hearing.

### Submissions:

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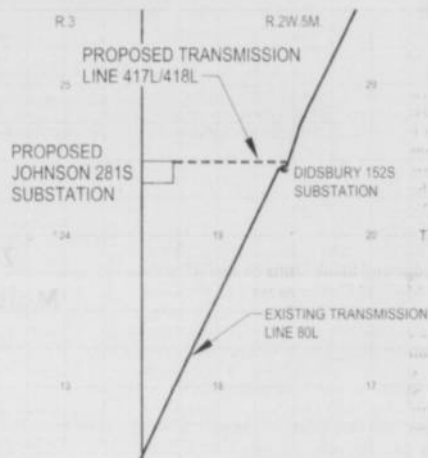
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### For more information:

If you do not have access to the Internet, or require more information about how to participate please contact Trevor Richards at 403-592-4469 or email [trevor.richards@auc.ab.ca](mailto:trevor.richards@auc.ab.ca).

New Johnson 2815 substation in the Didsbury area



There are six other area maps related to this project, to view the other maps, please visit [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca).

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Issued on December 5, 2013.

Douglas A. Larder, QC, General Counsel

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**McCULLOCH, Steven Otto**  
April 19, 1964 – December 6, 2013

It is with great sadness that the family of Steve McCulloch announce his passing on December 6, 2013 at the Foothills Medical Center, Calgary, Alberta in the presence of his loving family. Steve was born April 19, 1964 to Arnold and Jean McCulloch of Didsbury, Alberta and was raised on the family farm, Midway Farms, east of Didsbury. Throughout his life Steve valued his family and friends, life on the farm, sports, travel and had a great interest in war history and in particular World War II. As an avid sports enthusiast, he was a fan of many sports and participated in baseball, hockey, golf, football and even rodeo for a time. Steve's early travels took him to Australia (seven month agricultural exchange), Las Vegas (for the NFR), Barbados, Mexico and South Africa (for the Boer Goats). Steve met the love of his life, Jennifer Redmond, in 1995. Steve and Jennifer married on February 24, 2000 in Maui with their parents as attendants. Friends and family lovingly remember their wedding celebration held in Didsbury upon their return from their honeymoon. Jennifer shared Steve's passion for travel and they had the opportunity to go to San Francisco, Las Vegas and Cuba together. Steve and Jennifer welcomed a son, Carson in 2002 and daughter, Rowan in 2004. Steve loved his role of father and many times said that his children were his greatest source of pride. Jennifer and children will always treasure the memories of the great vacations to visit friends and family members in British Columbia, the Yukon, and Ontario as well as destination holidays to Mexico, Hawaii and Disneyland. Steve was a dedicated husband, father, family man, friend and farmer. As a fourth generation farmer at Midway Farms, he took great pride in his family's heritage and legacy. He was active in both Didsbury and Midway communities. In recent years, Steve courageously battled cancer. Jennifer and family would like to acknowledge and thank Units 61 and 47 at the Foothills Medical Center as well as Dr. Card, Dr. Hao and Dr. McFadden and their teams of doctors and nurses. The family would also like to thank the people of Didsbury and area for their overwhelming love and ongoing support. Steve is lovingly remembered by his family; wife, Jennifer; two children, son Carson and daughter Rowan; parents, Arnold and Jean McCulloch; parents-in-law, Joe and Gwenne Redmond; sisters Ruby (Jim) Gole and Jennifer (Devon) Rabchak; brother, Barry McCulloch; brother-in-law Rick Kerk; sisters-in-law, Raylene (Rob) McWade and Lynne (Tim) Dorcas; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family. Steve was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Earl (Sonja) McCulloch and his sister, Kathy McCulloch. A Celebration of Steve's life was held at the Zion Evangelical Church on Sunday, December 15, 2013. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Kindle, Box 280, Water Valley, AB T0M 2E0 or to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre, c/o Alberta Cancer Foundation, 1331 – 29 Street NW, Calgary, AB T2N 4N2. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at [www.myalternatives.ca](http://www.myalternatives.ca)



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**JEPPS, Anne**

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## 2018 - 20 Avenue

Be your own boss and own the building too! This character building housing the "Didsbury Cafe" is in one of the highest traffic areas in Didsbury, currently run as a cafe but has been a bakery not so long ago or could be some other venture that you have in mind, price includes equipment and fixtures, a great space for an entrepreneur, 2623 sq ft, 50' X 120' lot

**\$329,900 + gst**



## 5910 - 60 Street, Olds



Great Curb Appeal! Great Location! Great Home! 1532 sq ft plus developed basement, open plan, lots of built-ins, glassed in rear deck, low maintenance landscaping, drive-through garage

**\$469,900**

*Christmas is a Season of Love*  
John 3:16-17

## 4.8 Acres on the Valley



1340 sq. ft. bungalow built in 1996, 3 1/2 baths, 4 bdrms, walk-out basement, in-floor heat, wrap around deck, 32 x 48 heated shop. Great location close to town.

**\$639,900**

## 1.85 Acres at Butte Hills



1266 sq. ft. fully developed cedar log home, 3+1 bdrms, 2 baths, granite counter tops, new bsmt flooring, hot tub, heated quonset, paved laneway, excellent location, easy commute.

**\$649,900**

## 4.87 Acres 8 mi. west of Didsbury

2008+ sq. ft. home, oversized dbl. att. heated garage, oversized dbl det. heated garage, 40x80 heated metal shop, 50x80 heated quonset, 40x80 Butler building, much, much more!

**\$675,000**

